

Subject: Vernon medals

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LANGLEY PARK
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

December 26, 1933.

My dear Sir:

I am going to New York next Friday and hope to be able to find time to come up to your Society in the early afternoon with a view to a preliminary examination of such Vernon medals as the Society may possess in its collection. I am not sure how many there are of these and shall be most grateful if you could kindly let me know in advance. I should also be most happy to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance. I specialize in this series and now possess some 230 distinct varieties.

Yours very truly,

L. McCormick-Goodhart

Mr. Howland Wood,

Curator, American Numismatic Society,

New York City.

L. MCCORMICK-GOODHART

January 2, 1933.

Mr. L. McCormich-Goodhart
Langley Park
Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Sir:

We have quite an extensive collection of Vernon medals and I would be most pleased to see you any time that you can get up here and will take pleasure in showing you what we have. I note you wrote your note to me on December 26th. Unfortunately I was not here on Friday the 29th but possibly you mean the coming Friday, January 5th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 5, 1934.

Mr. L. McCormick-Goodhart
Langley Park
Silver Spring, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I was sorry that I was not here when you came last Friday to inspect our Vernon medals. My assistant tells me that you would like to have the loan of these for intensive study. I cannot promise whether this can be done or not. You might, however, make the request in writing and I will lay it before the next meeting of the Council. This happens to be on the 12th - the Council meeting on the second Friday of every month.

Dr. Malcom Storer several years ago went over and compared with his notes and his collection all of our pieces and the presumption is, if he did not slip up, that he has included all of our varieties in his book.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

LANGLEY PARK
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
January 11, 1934.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of January 5th and regret that we did not have the opportunity to meet the other day. As your assistant probably informed you I have what I think may be considered a fine collection of Vernon medals. I have been much impressed with the inadequacy of the standard authorities on this subject and have contemplated endeavouring to issue an authoritative list. I am now engaged in rearranging my own collection and would not at the present time be inclined to enlist the assistance of your Council in allowing me to examine your very interesting collection. I will therefore postpone

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making the request but trust that when it is eventually put forward that a favourable response will be given. It is unfortunately absolutely necessary to examine each specimen in the original or a cast.

Very truly yours,

Lucretia Goodhue

FROM · LEANDER · McCORMICK · - GOODHART ·

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March 15, 1937

TELEPHONE:-
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Mr. Howland Wood
Curator
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Dear Mr. Wood:

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith a preliminary handy reference list of the Vernon series of medals together with an explanatory note. I shall be exceedingly grateful for your considered observations, especially as to the degree which the list facilitates the rapid identification of specimens.

I shall also feel most grateful if you will forward me a list of the serial numbers represented in your collection, and especially if you will notify me of any varieties that appear to be unlisted. If sufficient interest is shown, it is my purpose ultimately to publish a catalogue of this series, fully illustrated. I shall be most obliged for any names which may occur to you of collectors or institutions which possess collections of Vernon medals in order that I may bring the matter before them.

Sincerely yours,

Leander McCormick-Goodhart

May 1, 1937

Dr. Leander McCormick Goodhart,
Langley Park,
Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Mr. Goodhart:

I make my humble apologies for not answering your inquiry and acknowledging the list of Vernon medals which you sent on. For three months now I have neglected a large part of my correspondence as my assistant died the end of January. On account of his illness work had piled up here for some time and although I have a new assistant now there was an interval when there was nobody but myself in the Coin Room. I am beginning to see daylight again but it will be some time before everything is cleared up.

Also we have had two or three large collections of coins donated to us which crowded things a bit, and two or three more collections are coming.

Just as soon as possible I will go through your list and see what I can do for you. In this country there does not seem to be much of any interest in Vernon medals. At the present time I know of no one interested in them and dealers state that the demand for these is either dead or very slow. Medals have never had the interest in this country that they have in Europe. How much interest is taken in Vernon medals in England I do not know.

I am making these statements in answer to your inquiry concerning the publishing of a catalogue. If I remember correctly, Storer published such a list and whether good or bad, I do not think it raised any interest whatsoever. As you have been actively engaged in this series, I think you are a better judge, however, than I am.

I suppose one of the best collections of Vernon medals in this country is the Storer collection now in the Navy Department, which is either in Washington or at Annapolis. You probably know all about this. I really know of no other collection of these, either in public or private hands.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks